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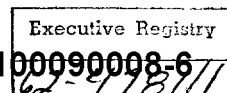
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28 JUL 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense

**SUBJECT : Naval Radio Research Station (NRRO),
Sugar Grove, West Virginia**

**REFERENCES : (a) Memo from Deputy Secretary of Defense,
to Director of Central Intelligence,
6 July 1962
(b) Memo for Assistant Director for Defense,
R&E, from Deputy Director/Research,
CIA, 16 July 1962**

1. Reference (a) requested us to review the NRRO situation and to advise and make recommendations to the Director for Defense, R&E, concerning our views on the extent to which the work already accomplished could be modified, adapted, or utilized to contribute to the intelligence program. Reference (b) stated our position regarding the usefulness for intelligence information of a completed NRRO.

2. As stated in reference (b), the type of information that could be provided by the NRRO could probably be obtained more readily and with greater consistency by other intelligence collection techniques which would have an earlier availability date. This position is still valid under the conditions of a modified or adapted NRRO Big Dish. Therefore, in my judgement, the NRRO's relatively

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poor competitive position for the collection of intelligence information
vis-a-vis other collective systems would not warrant the allocation
of funds for modifying the original NRRS construction plans for the
collection of intelligence information.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE
JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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Acting Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

17 JUL 1962
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